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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Additional Developments on Generator Problems 14 March 1963

REFERENCE : Memo to DD/R from AAD/OSA, Dated 14 March 1963; 25X1A2g
Subject: "U-2 Generator Brush Failures" 2372-63)

25X1A2g 1. As further to the reference, during the hectic afternoon of the
fourteenth a good deal of the discussion on the generator problem unfolded
with [REDACTED] in my office. He made a phone call to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] at Wright-Patterson to check through him on the status of SAC's
[REDACTED] capability and apparently was told by Freas that SAC had
multiple generators problems, which unless corrected would result in a
25X1A2g depletion in their capability to execute [REDACTED] flights by the close of
business 16 March.
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25X1A6a 2. [REDACTED] then asked if it would be possible for us to release
to SAC several of the 500 AMP generators installed in Articles 358 and 359
at [REDACTED]. I told him to tell [REDACTED] that we would arrange this, and
after [REDACTED] hung up with [REDACTED] Dr. Scoville called and we had an extended
25X1A2g discussion of the whole problem, culminating with his agreement that we should
release to SAC initially two 500 AMP generators for support to [REDACTED].
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25X1A2g 3. [REDACTED] then called General Dick Ellis, Executive Officer to
General LeMay, about 1800 hours and put him on notice that SAC might be
coming in with word of their generator problems and the resultant inability to
execute [REDACTED] missions. [REDACTED] specifically asked General
Ellis not to inform General LeMay of this unless and until SAC came in with
word of their troubles. In a subsequent conversation with Dr. Scoville, I
reminded him that if we were to release the generators from Articles 358 and

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359, we would be unable to conduct the CBA tests scheduled for the end of this month. I also pointed out to him that the delivery date of the new aircraft, Article 356, would necessarily be delayed on a day-for-day basis unless and until the generator problems were adequately resolved.

4. Not long thereafter Dr. Scoville called back, reporting on a conversation he had had with Colonel Steakley of JRC regarding SAC's alleged difficulties with the generator. According to Dr. Scoville, SAC was not reporting such a problem and even stated that they had six missions ready to fly on 15 March and in effect were not in need of the kind of assistance we could afford them. Dr. Scoville then asked that steps be taken to make certain that the two spare generators, either at Burbank or being returned to Burbank, be held there by Lockheed and not turned over to SAC unless and until the question of their use for them was properly resolved. 25X9A5

25X1A9a 5. On hearing of this development, I called [REDACTED] X9A5 at his home to report that there was a controversy between the information [REDACTED] was giving Dr. Scoville and that which Colonel Freas had reported to him earlier in the afternoon. I also told [REDACTED] 25X9A5 that we would hold on to the 500 AMP generators until he and [REDACTED] 25X9A5 could reconcile their differences. [REDACTED] 25X9A5 was quite upset and was nonetheless so when I told him that Colonel Steakley was upset with him because he, [REDACTED] 25X9A5 inferred from what Dr. Scoville said that [REDACTED] 25X9A5 had been in some form of direct communication with SAC which Steakley regarded as his exclusive province. I told [REDACTED] that I had reassured Dr. Scoville that this was not the case and that all that any of us was trying to do was to be of assistance to SAC in their hour of need. On this pleasant note the subject of generators was concluded except for agreement with [REDACTED] 25X9A5 that he would leave 15 March for Burbank to sit in on discussions at Lockheed regarding the problem.

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